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If you have an interesting story for the following issue of *Inspire* (or if you know of another alum who does), please contact the alumni relations office. Story ideas and alumni updates must be submitted by the date below. Unfortunately, we may not be able to use all stories submitted.

Summer 2002 – Going it Alone

Is God using you as a single? Whether being single was in your original plan or not, there are definitely ministries that are available to singles and can only be accomplished through that single focus. Please submit your story ideas by April 5, 2002.

Introducing the New Alumni Association Logo



The Cedarville University Alumni Association has a new look! In order to better identify information from or about the Alumni Association, you can now look for this logo on everything from mailings to event prizes. Thanks for your continued input on how to make our Alumni Association even better.

To contact us, call 1-800-837-2566 or e-mail alumni@cedarville.edu.

From the Director's Chair



Last week as I met with Delta Alpha Epsilon (DAE), our student alumni organization committed to building relationships through serving, I was touched by these students and their commitment to prayer. We gathered together to pray for alumni who had submitted specific requests and then wrote notes of encouragement to each of them.

That alone could be seen as impressive. The very fact that college students would take the time to get on their knees and pray for folks they don't know and then write them personal notes is indeed "unique" in most college or university settings. However, when they took prayer reminders back to their dorm rooms so they could continue to pray for these alumni, I have to admit that I was inspired.

Prayer has always been a significant aspect of the Cedarville University culture. From canceling classes for Day of Prayer, to rallying around the flagpole at dawn, to dorm meetings, to gathering in small groups on September 11, 2001 ... the Cedarville family is a praying family.

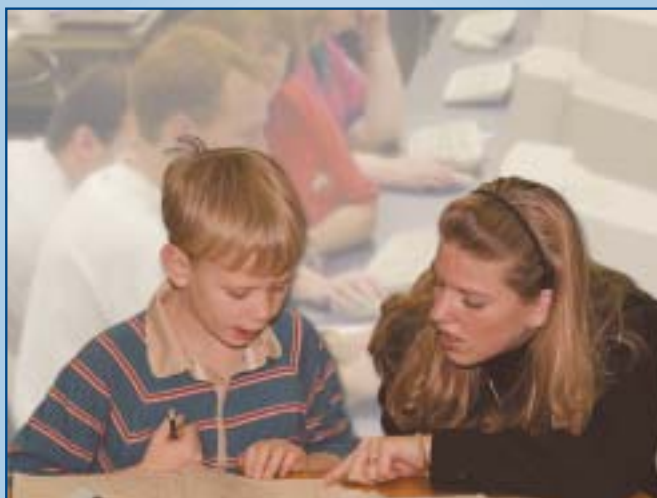
In working on the CU Web site redesign, the question came up as to whether the "prayer/praise" link should be on the home page. It didn't take much discussion to determine that this is one of the things that defines who we are. And, in case you're wondering, that link isn't just for show. The prayer requests listed online are visited regularly and prayed for. In fact, that's one of the ways DAE became connected with the alumni for whom they prayed.

This issue of *Inspire* not only reminds us of the importance of prayer, but also encourages each of us to continue along the road of prayer that was such an important part of the Cedarville experience.

Faith Linn '83

Faith Linn '83
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In the WORLD of Journalism for Christ



Interviews with nationally-known figures such as Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris or Lisa Beamer, widow of Flight 93 hero Todd Beamer, probably aren't in the average journalist's appointment book. But Cedarville University senior Charlie Shifflett found them in his. Charlie snagged these interviews and others through his studies at the 2001 WORLD Journalism Institute (WJI), an intensive training school for Christian journalists who want to be the best they can be for Christ.

As one of 20 students selected from around the U.S. to participate, Charlie spent one month at the Institute's Asheville, North Carolina campus taking theology, philosophy, and journalism classes. He spent another five months completing reading and writing assignments, which, on the national level, included talking with Katherine Harris about her bid for a

congressional seat and Lisa Beamer about her life without Todd. He also found himself covering events of a more local nature, such as September 11 blood drives, the social climate of post-riot Cincinnati, and the retirement announcement of Dr. Dixon.

A comprehensive Bible major with minors in Greek, English, and creative writing, Charlie applied to WJI's rigorous summer program because he desires to use his writing skills for Christ. He remarked, "I hope to eventually write in the secular arena, presenting a biblical perspective in whatever I write and being diligent in whatever I do. I want to be able to write something that non-Christians will read and not necessarily agree with, but hopefully respect." He hopes that the respect he earns as a competent writer will lead to opportunities to share the gospel.

Charlie noted that his four years at Cedarville have been foundational. Taking a Cedarville journalism class and writing for the campus newspaper were the experiences which turned his attention towards writing. In fact, it was Charlie's journalism professor, Dr. Scott Calhoun '95, who encouraged him to apply for WJI's "journalism boot camp."

"I'm a totally different person than when I came [to Cedarville] as a freshman," the Tallahassee, Florida native concluded. "My writing has changed, and my classes have challenged me to live my faith in whatever God calls me to do."

Cedarville University Plans to Offer Computer Engineering

Pending Ohio Board of Regents' approval, Cedarville University will begin to offer a computer engineering program leading to a bachelor of science in computer engineering (BSCpE) degree in the Fall 2002 semester. The new degree joins Cedarville's currently offered and ABET-accredited bachelor of science degrees in electrical engineering (BSEE) and mechanical engineering (BSME). Cedarville has long had a strong computer and digital elective track in its BSEE degree program.

"Growth projections, both in jobs available and employers' future needs, are still high throughout the engineering specialties," said Dr. Larry Zavodney, chairman of the Elmer W. Engstrom Department of Engineering, "but they are the greatest in computer engineering."

"We have been considering this additional program for several years," he explained, "but we held off until the change to semesters in 2002 would occur and until we had all of the program resources in place. We will bring two new engineering laboratories on line this fall and another when this fall's entering freshmen begin their senior design classes in 2005. Although two of our electrical engineering faculty have Ph.D. degrees in computer engineering, we will also hire a third computer engineering professor this fall. More will be added later."

Cedarville also offers a computer science degree. "Although computer engineers take some computer science classes, and computer science students take some computer engineering classes, there is a difference," Dr. Zavodney said. "The difference between computer science and the new computer engineering program is

in their emphases. The computer science curriculum is aimed primarily at producing expertise and proficiency in software programming and development. The computer engineering curriculum is more hardware and computer systems design-related."

Cedarville's engineering programs have developed rapidly and impressively. "We began our program in 1990 and graduated 24 students in 1994," Dr. Zavodney said. "Today, we have 300 students. Engineering and computer science are the fastest growing programs on the campus. Adding computer engineering will cause another significant growth spurt."

"Our students compete exceptionally well in national and international design competitions. In 2000," Dr. Zavodney related, "our students placed first in the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International Supermileage Competition, and came home with 8 of 11 trophies in SAE's Micro Baja Competition. Last spring," he continued, "out of 16 engineering schools with ABET-accredited programs in the state of Ohio, Cedarville was one of only two schools whose graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination. In fact," he emphasized, "Cedarville is the only school that has twice had a 100 percent passing rate in the last four years. Our graduates have consistently out-performed the average pass rates for the FE exam in the state, and the state has consistently outperformed the nation."

Newest Hall of Fame Members Inducted

On February 1, Cedarville University inducted four new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Norris Smith '63 was a two-sport standout in basketball and baseball at Cedarville from 1959-63. He holds Cedarville records for the most points scored in a half (38) and the most pitching wins in a season (9). A three-time MVP in baseball and two-time basketball MVP, Norris was the Mid-Ohio Conference (MOC) leading scorer in basketball in 1961. He was named to the All-MOC first team in basketball in 1961 and second team in 1963. Norris is currently the indoor athletic facilities director at Cedarville.

Steve Brumbaugh '90, who played tennis with the Yellow Jackets from 1987-90, is Cedarville's all-time victories leader in singles and doubles. He was selected four times to the All-NAIA District 22 team and three times to the All-MOC team. Steve was a member of four Cedarville teams that played at the NAIA National Tournament and three MOC and NAIA District 22 championship squads. Steve is currently the men's tennis coach at the University of Dayton and head tennis pro at Troy Country Club.

From 1992-96, **Dr. Melissa Hartman '96** showed herself to be a standout in volleyball, basketball, and tennis. In all three sports she was twice named NAIA and NCAA All-America Scholar-Athlete and an All-MOC selection. Her tennis accomplishments include MOC singles tennis champion in 1996, MOC doubles champion with her sister Angela in 1993, and member of one NAIA District 22 and two MOC championship tennis teams. Melissa is the fourth all-time leading scorer in basketball as well as the all-time leader in assists, steals, and 3-point field goals. In volleyball, she is the all-time leader in digs and matches played. Melissa is currently a resident physician in emergency medicine in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. Shirley Schneider served the men's basketball team for 30 years as statistician/scorekeeper. She recently retired from her dental practice in Springfield.



(Left to Right) Dr. Shirley Schneider, Dr. Melissa Hartman '96, Steve Brumbaugh '90, Norris Smith '63'

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Sounds of Change Coming from Music Department

Currently Cedarville University offers bachelor of arts (B.A.) degrees in music and bachelor of music education (B.M.E.) degrees. Beginning in Fall 2002, the music department plans to make several changes which will result in new choices for the 119 students enrolled. The expected changes are:

- Transforming the current B.A. in music degree into a professional bachelor of music (B.Mus.) degrees. The B.Mus., considered a more demanding, professional program than the B.A., will benefit those who seek a job in the professional music industry. When all the approval processes are complete, there will be B.Mus. degrees in church music, composition, performance, and keyboard pedagogy.
- Designing a brand new B.A. in music degree. This will be a true liberal arts degree in which the student takes a strong core of music courses but still has a major block of credits open for any other general studies. This degree is especially appropriate for those who want a general studies degree with a musical emphasis.
- Compacting the bachelor of music education (B.M.E.) curricula so that it is easier to complete in four years.

Dr. James Colman, chair of the department of music, explained, "We're excited about the changes that the new school year will bring. I believe we have succeeded in developing some new programs that will be very attractive to our students."

What's That in Your Hand?

With handheld personal computers catching on in popularity, educators are considering how devices such as Palm handhelds and Microsoft Pocket PCs may offer cost and size advantages over traditional notebook computers. A new pilot project at Cedarville University aims to discover if handheld PCs will be a positive, cost-effective choice for the Cedarville educational environment.

Cedarville's Handheld Computing Pilot Project distributed 100 Compaq Pocket PCs to select faculty members and students for use in early 2002. Liberal arts faculty and students used electronic copies of classic literature, dictionaries, and other search tools, while business faculty and students utilized special versions of Microsoft Word and Excel. Bible software was also built into each Pocket PC. Both groups used the Pocket PCs during class discussions as well as in receiving supplementary material, assignments, syllabi, etc.

Cedarville will assess the project by reviewing student performance and student evaluations of instruction in both pilot and non-pilot class sections. Students from the pilot classes will be surveyed for their opinions on the technology. If handheld computers are found to enhance the educational experience, Cedarville will consider a campus-wide implementation.

The University has a long history of commitment to information technology, as evidenced by its 1992 decision to network the campus and place a University-owned computer in every residence hall room. Currently, the University provides more than 1,100 computers in the residence halls in addition to the 800 computers in classrooms, laboratories, and offices. The University's technology leadership has been recognized by EDUCAUSE and *Yahoo! Internet Life*.



Emily Gayer, a junior nursing major from Mineral Wells, West Virginia, tries out a Compaq Pocket PC. Cedarville University distributed Pocket PCs to selected faculty and students in the Winter Quarter for a trial run. If handheld computers are found to enhance the educational experience, Cedarville will consider a campus-wide implementation.

Jeremiah Speaks at Winter Enrichment Conference

Dr. David Jeremiah '63 returned to Cedarville as the guest speaker for the 2002 Winter Enrichment Conference January 21-23. His series on "Facing the Giants in Your Life" provided practical teaching on fear, temptation, failure, doubt, and worry.

On the first full day of the conference, David spoke to pastors from eight states in a special post-chapel message on discouragement. After lunch, David fielded questions from the 475 pastors.

David is the senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, California. His radio broadcast, *Turning Point*, is heard on more than 900 radio outlets, and he has authored many books, including *Slaying the Giants in Your Life*, *Escape the Coming Night*, *The Power of Encouragement*, and *Gift From God*.

To order audiocassettes of part or all of the conference, call CDR Radio at 1-800-333-0601.



Sold Out on Matters of the Heart

In an exciting sold-out conference event, more than 3,000 people gathered at Cedarville University February 1-2 for the Song of Solomon Conference.

Tommy Nelson, senior pastor of Denton Bible Church in Texas, used the Song of Solomon to teach both singles and marrieds how they can love passionately, be loved in return, and see their love grow through the years.

"For many people, the Song of Solomon is the mystery book of the Bible," explained Tommy. "Based on what God knows about us, He has provided an instruction manual in the Song of Solomon with eight very enlightening, explicit, and highly practical chapters on the topics of love, sex, and intimacy."

With plenty of humor injected into his candid and practical advice, Tommy explained how to discern godly character traits in a potential mate, grow closer to a spouse while resolving conflicts, fan the fires of sexual intimacy, and enjoy deeper love, joy, and commitment through the years.

In addition to sharing God's perspectives on matters of the heart and mind, Tommy gave his testimony and presented the gospel. Cedarville University's hope is that this conference helped win lives to Christ, set firm foundations for future marriages, and strengthened current marriages.

For more information about the Song of Solomon Conference, visit www.thesongofsolomon.com.

Council Update

The purpose of the Alumni Council shall be the promotion of the interests of Cedarville University and the provision of Christian fellowship, information, education, and service opportunities to the glory of God.

*(Back Row) Faith Linn '83, Deborah Zaller Stephens '78, Kevin Howells '90, Karyn Hartman Brookes '95, Kim Jenerette '83, Mark Leach '81
(Front Row) Susan Terkelsen '88, Ryan Burkhard '98, Kezia McNeal '92*



A Fond Farewell to:

Mavis Wu Davis '95

Mavis has undergone a few life changes since joining the Alumni Council more than four years ago. Coming to us as Mavis Wu, she leaves us as Mavis Davis, and it was our privilege to watch her grow and follow God's leading in her life. Although part of her time on the Council was spent in Michigan, Mavis is happy to be back in the warmer climate of North Carolina.

As a council member, Mavis helped with various reunions and regional events and served as secretary of the Council. Mavis will always be remembered for her enthusiasm, energy, and great ideas. She could make us laugh and think at the same time, all the while reminding us of why we are so committed to this place called Cedarville.



David "Kelly" Fath '91



Kelly Fath has also gone through a few changes since joining the Alumni Council. Although his name hasn't changed, his work and direction has. First approached to serve on the Council while working as a full-time attorney, Kelly has since pursued a master of divinity degree at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary of Cornerstone University and will be heading to the mission field in the near future. He is active

at Calvary Church in Fruitport, Michigan as the chair of the missions committee, and he helps lead the singles ministry. Kelly served as the chair of the Alumni Association and as the regional alumni coordinator for west Michigan.

Kelly's name will undoubtedly be forever associated with the regional alumni coordinator program and regional events. His love for and loyalty to Cedarville are classic examples of alumni participation.

A Warm Welcome to:

Karyn Hartman Brookes '95

Karyn joins the Council in an "official" capacity after having been faithful in serving Cedarville University as a regional alumni coordinator, reunion committee member, and area college representative. Karyn and her husband, Dan, live in Washington. When asked about her interest in being on the Alumni Council, Karyn said "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Cedarville and enjoy speaking with prospective students as well as reminiscing with alumni."



Kevin Howells '90

Kevin organized his 5-year and 10-year reunions and is still willing to serve on the Alumni Council! We're pleased to have him join us from Chicago where he works at Moody Bible Institute in the retail division. When asked why he'd like to serve on the Alumni Council, Kevin stated, "During my four years at Cedarville, I grew to love the College, its mission, purpose, and vision." He looks forward to representing the alumni to Cedarville as well as representing Cedarville to the alumni.



Heritage Corner

Faithfulness Reflected

Edith Wigal Clark graduated from Cedarville College in 1929 and served as a teacher for more than 35 years. In 1937, she married the love of her life, David Clark. David and Edith celebrated 57 years together before her death in 1994.



David Clark pictured with 1999 scholarship recipients and family friend Charlene Weismiller

David and Edith were known as generous and humble individuals. They were quick in seizing opportunities to help their neighbors. Even while grieving his wife's passing, David thought of others, specifically the students of Cedarville University. As a memorial to his beloved wife, he established the David H. and Edith W. Clark Scholarship.

David knew that Edith would approve of assisting students from her alma mater. He knew that he was providing a significant financial resource for many deserving Cedarville students. What he may not have known is that he was also providing an example of faithfulness to the entire student body—faithfulness that would be reflected to him in the final days of his life.

Cedarville students are involved with a number of ministries in the Cedarville community. One of these ministries is to patients of Greene Memorial Hospital. One of these patients was David Clark. During a visit to the hospital, a group of students happened upon a friendly gentleman by the name of "Mr. Clark." They enjoyed spending time with him and looked forward to visiting him again. Therefore, they were shocked by an announcement in chapel a few days later that David Clark, a generous scholarship donor, had passed away. These students were so touched by their brief interaction with David that they wrote the following to Dr. Dixon:

"Last Wednesday, I, along with three other Cedarville students, met Mr. Clark as we volunteered at Greene Memorial Emergency Room. At the time, we had no idea that he had so little time left on this earth. But we really enjoyed spending time with him, encouraging him, and talking to him about Cedarville. He was very modest about his contributions to scholarships at Cedarville. Today, when I found out about his death, I was saddened, but felt deeply privileged to have

been able to meet him. I hope that when we told him how much we love the education we receive at Cedarville and expressed our appreciation for scholarships such as his, he was able to see at least a small glimpse of the difference his life has made to others. I feel honored to have met such a humble servant of God. Thank God for bringing people like Mr. Clark into our lives."

—Julia Sullivan '04

"We met him last week during our community ministry. After the girls told him we were from Cedarville, he lit up like a light bulb. He was very friendly with all of us and wanted to know about us individually. As Dr. Dixon told us this morning [in chapel], he and his wife spent their lives investing and working to help students they didn't even know. They did not ask for special ceremonies or public recognition of their generosity. They just lived quietly and quietly passed away into eternity with lives well lived for the Lord. I envy Mr. Clark for having such a fulfilled life and now being in the presence of his Lord, hearing God say, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.' I met him once for a very short time, but I thank God for the opportunity. What a testimony and example of a life well lived for things that really matter! I am encouraged and challenged to live my life for the Lord and His priorities."

—Ryan Boudreau '04

Before his death on February 9, 2001, David Clark guaranteed that he would continue to help Cedarville students by designating a substantial gift from his estate to the David H. and Edith W. Clark Scholarship. We think both he and Edith would be pleased that their scholarship will provide tuition assistance for approximately 25 students every year. Cedarville University joins with its student body in expressing our sincere gratitude for the Clarks and their support of our ministry.

Upcoming Heritage Alumni Events

May 3 – Cedar Day: Lunch in the President's Dining Room

June 13 – A day in Waynesville, Ohio, including lunch and stopping at a few shops

July 8 – Women Educators Luncheon in the President's Dining Room featuring Jane Adams Smith '84 as guest speaker

August 7 – Annie at LaComedia in Springboro

September 14 – Lunch and a Cincinnati Reds baseball game vs. the Chicago White Sox

BIG PICTURE

Alumni Winter Weekend 2002

On February 1-2, Alumni Winter Weekend drew crowds not only for alumni and varsity basketball games, but also for "Camp 'Ville." Balloon twisting, caricatures, illusions, snacks, and The Bee made "Camp 'Ville" the perfect family winter get-away.

Mark your calendars for Alumni Winter Weekend 2003: February 1.





Joy in the



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a Journey

The story of Dennis and Joy Patterson's journey on a road of prayer "Weeping had lasted many nights, but Joy came home that morning." — Dennis Patterson '84

Dennis Patterson '84 personally knows what happens when God's people come together and pray. Dennis had a long-repeated request of God that He would restore his marriage and bring his estranged wife to a saving knowledge of Christ. In October of 1983, the entire Cedarville family came together for a half-day of prayer. Many people prayed for Dennis' family. At that very moment, God was working a miracle Down Under, another continent away. Here is Dennis' testimony of perseverance in prayer and of learning that there is indeed joy in the journey.

I clearly remember the turning point in my life. I was reminiscing, sitting in an Australian coffee bar inside the club where I was employed as a musician. I had fulfilled a boyhood dream to be a professional musician. Every night was soaked with fast music, bright lights, large crowds, and generous sums of money. I may have been the envy of many young people, but despite my seemingly exciting lifestyle, inside I was slowly sinking. I was struggling with loneliness and emptiness that life in the fast lane could not satisfy.

As I sipped coffee, I must have appeared a lonely figure in the dim light. Two years had passed since my marriage had broken down. My thoughts turned to the Sunday night I returned home from the band to find a heart-breaking note from my wife, Joy, that spoke of her despair and inability to carry on as a wife and mother. My two little girls had been left sleeping in their room, unaware of the pain and hardship that would lay ahead for us all. Joy had called a friend to watch the children until I returned from work. My thoughts drifted to the nights of dragging myself up the stairs in the wee hours of the morning, carrying my young daughters from the babysitter's. I knew that this lifestyle was not in their best interest. I loved them deeply. They were all I had.

As I sat, I tried to prepare myself for another night of performing, yet I was deeply troubled by thoughts of how things used to be. I drifted to the days of my youth when I attended a church youth group program on Friday nights and to how, at 12 years old, I went forward one night at a youth rally. As I reflected, a dull ache came into my heart to return to that boyhood relationship that I had had with Jesus. As I looked around there was a sea of faces, the noise of poker machines, and that ever-present smell of smoke and spilled alcohol. The turmoil inside of me was more than I could bear. I finally stood up, walked to the foyer, and telephoned an old Christian friend.

"Could you come to church with me tonight?" I asked. "I really want to go to church." As I drove away from the club, I remember feeling a strong beckoning in my heart. Nothing could have stopped me or convinced me to turn back. I was going to church, and I felt as if God were drawing me.

As I walked down the aisle, people were singing praises to God. The preacher beamed a smile at me. There was warmth all around, and my spirit was immediately lifted. It felt like a joyous homecoming. I was ready to give everything over to God. I knelt down and prayed, "Dear Lord Jesus, forgive me for running my own life. I just want to return to the relationship I had with You. I don't care what it takes, but I am now willing to do things Your way, if You would only put my life back together." The prodigal had come home.

From that night things changed. I tendered my resignation from the band the next day. Within a week I agreed to let a pastor and his wife begin a Bible study in my house. I invited a group of young teens from a rock group I was managing to come to the study. The next week we all went to hear Billy Graham speak, and the entire band accepted Christ as their Savior. I began to attend church and read the Bible again on a regular basis. As the months passed, I became stronger in spirit. There were days where I fell back, but it seemed for every step backward, God would take me two steps forward.

Around this time I was in a relationship with a Christian girl, and friends were encouraging me to consider remarrying. But I felt God was speaking to me to restore my relationship with my wife, Joy. So I broke off the relationship and decided to remain unattached. God was giving me a vision to pray for healing and restoration for the wife of my youth.

Once I left professional playing, I diverted my energies to my two daughters and a music teaching position I had taken at a local high school. Through the school (Christian Fellowship) I began to share my love and enthusiasm for Jesus, and several of my students found their own personal relationship with Christ.

God was blessing my work at the school. A musical I had written and produced was gaining national media attention, and many prominent musicians and educators came to visit my school music programs. I met people from the Cedarville Australia Team. Harold Green, Mike DiCuirci, and Lyle '70 and Connie Clark Anderson '73 all befriended me.

However, there were still many lonely days when I would watch the sun go down, feeling a chill in my soul. My daughters and I kept praying for Joy, and we regularly wrote to her. I was now missing her terribly. On several occasions I felt an overwhelming need to find her. And so I would set out to drive the interstate, not knowing exactly where to locate her. Miraculously, God would bring her across my path. Once we stopped opposite one another at the same traffic light on a busy highway in Queensland. When this was repeated six months later at the same traffic light, I knew God was dramatically answering our prayers.



One Christmas Eve I drove with a friend to Queensland in search of Joy. I was hardly prepared for the amazing encounter that was about to unfold. On the first night, as we arrived at the main gates of a Gold Coast camping ground, I became very restless, jumped from the car, and set off to find a telephone. Perhaps I was thinking that my children, now in the care of their grandmother, might be in special need. Several people were waiting to use the phone. I was about to turn back when someone came out of the phone booth and looked at me strangely, as if he recognized me. Instinctively, I followed him. But after turning down two streets, I lost him in the dark. In the fading light I could see a motor vehicle parked in the driveway near to where I was standing. A tree had partially blocked its view. My heart was pounding as I read the license plate and realized that this was my wife's car.

Many other equally miraculous encounters followed over the years. It seemed like every six months God would unsettle me and challenge me to find Joy. The circumstances were way beyond coincidence.

In 1983 I was awarded an overseas scholarship to study music at an American university. Nearly seven years had now passed since my wife and I had separated. I managed to find her again in Queensland to gain clearance so my daughters could travel with me to the U.S. In August of 1983 my daughters and I boarded a jet and left Australia.

Life in the U.S. was wonderful. I enrolled at Cedarville, and we made many new friends. My daughters attended a nearby school, and God provided a house for us to live in. Though many years had now passed, my daughters and I regularly prayed together for their mother. In late October of 1983, the entire Cedarville campus family came together for a half-day of prayer. Many people prayed for Joy and my family on that day. I didn't know that at that very moment God was bringing Joy to a point of conversion.

Two weeks later we made our way down to Virginia for our first southern-style Thanksgiving meal. We attended a little country church for a special Thanksgiving service where Jim, the friend we were traveling with, shared his concern for my estranged wife. He broke down and wept as he asked the church to pray for my family. I was somewhat surprised by his compassion which resulted in the entire church earnestly praying for Joy. An elderly lady came up to me and said, "I will pray for you tonight, and when I pray God listens."

Joy interrupts:

I was married at 18 and by 22 had two little girls. By the age of 24, I was experiencing many dark days of deep depression where I felt I could no longer cope with life.

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My husband and I had already separated, but on one particular day when I was visiting the girls I remember feeling something snap inside me. I stood in front of my husband and threatened to cut my wrists with a razor if he didn't give me the car keys. Reluctantly he gave them to me, and in a distraught state of mind I left home. I felt confused and out of control.

I got in the car and drove and didn't stop until many miles had passed, and many years also. In my search for happiness I journeyed most of the way around Australia and lived in many different places, always moving, always searching, and always in all the wrong places. I ended up living on a farm in Queensland keeping goats. I was searching, and my heart was always longing for truth, contentment, and happiness.

After Dennis rededicated his life to God, he spent the next five years writing to me regularly. I could see the changes within him. He would tell me about an inner peace and joy he had as he now lived his life in obedience to God, and he revealed a zest for life that I had not seen in him before. He wasn't going to give up on me, nor our marriage. What he had seemed very real and genuine. But at this time I couldn't see it the way he did.

One day, alone on the farm, I felt that I had come to the end, a very dead end. Life no longer had any purpose; it didn't matter to me if I never saw another day. I was beginning to have very strong thoughts of suicide.

Then from that deep dark pit that I was in, I cried out to God. I called to Him loudly, "God, do you hear me? Do You really exist, and if You do, what am I to You? Do I matter to You? Look at what You have done to me!"

I was angry, and all the bitterness inside me was directed at God. My heart continued to cry out, "What is love anyway? And God, if You really exist, I want to know it."

As I cried out I accused Him of all sorts of things. But somehow I began to tell Him how lost and desperate I was and that if He really did exist I would give myself to Him completely. I would give Him my will totally.

"Please change me," I cried. I no longer wanted to be the person that I knew I was. I asked Him to forgive me for all the wrong I had done and to come into my life and change me. I finally found myself believing in Him. Like a small voice within I heard Him speak to my heart. "Joy, I am the way, the truth, and the life," and again, "I am love—God is love."



These words seemed to pierce my heart, and as simple as they seemed, I knew God was giving me answers. It was what I had been longing to hear. After searching for a Bible I had been given some years earlier, I looked to find who had said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” I discovered it was Jesus. And I also found the verse which says “God is love.” How I’d longed to know what real love was! On my knees I answered Him, saying, “I am beginning to understand what You are telling me, and I am ready to try things your way. What do you want me to do?”

God spoke to my heart immediately, “Go back to your husband.” Without looking back, I drove to my sister’s farm in Queensland. I knew Dennis was studying at Cedarville, and from my sister’s home, I finally located Dennis by telephone; he was, of course visiting that family in a small Virginia town where he and our daughters were about to sit down to their first Thanksgiving meal—a Thanksgiving meal that was about to become a celebration to mark the end of seven long years. I told Dennis that if he was still willing, I was ready, in God’s strength, to try to rebuild our relationship.

Dennis continues:

In Virginia, as we prepared for the Thanksgiving meal, a telephone call came for me from Australia. When I picked up the telephone, I heard Joy’s voice. “Dennis,” she said, “I have found the Lord!” I had never heard her sound so joyously happy. The tremendous significance of this moment overwhelmed me. We both wept in joy as she related all that had happened. After seven years of rebellion, God had lovingly, gently turned Joy around, just as He had done to me. Joy was now ready to come home.

During those lonely years, my daughters and I often comforted one another with our favorite family verse—Psalm 126:5-6—which says, “Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.” The Thanksgiving meal that followed took on new meaning to us. That afternoon my daughters and I walked among the harvest leaves of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, shouting praises to God.

Four weeks later on the eve of Christmas, during a heavy snowstorm, I met Joy at the airport with a warm coat and a dozen roses. We were both ready in God’s strength to rebuild our lives together.

The nature of prayer is that it tests out the very foundation of our faith as it requires us to believe God for a miracle. It also requires us to keep asking. The parable of the neighbor wanting food in the night demonstrates that God wants us to “inconvenience” Him with genuine cries of help. I used to cry crying out to God.

Also significant is that one learns God has already decided to answer your prayer, but He doesn’t exactly tell you when. One night I was putting my daughter Jodie to bed. After we said our prayers for Mummy, she asked me why God didn’t answer her prayers to send Mummy home. I remember assuring her, then going to my room and crying to God, “Oh Lord, Your reputation is at stake in the heart of my little girl.”

Finally, most significant were the prayers of my Mum who was on her knees praying for Joy when Joy called to tell her she had received Jesus as Lord. My mother prayed every morning without fail. The day I brought Joy’s sad story to the students at Cedarville, God was finally ready to maximize his blessing. Weeping had lasted for many nights, but Joy came home that morning. On that Day of Prayer she came home to Jesus.

The above series of photos shows the touching reunion of Dennis and Joy at the airport. Today Dennis is the head music teacher and a pastoral care teacher at Green Point Christian College, which is affiliated with Green Point Baptist Church—the very church he went to on the night he left the band and re-dedicated his life to Christ. Joy is working part-time as nurse-in-charge of a 100-bed hospital. The daughters are grown. Clare is in her final year of medicine, and Jodie Patterson Gandolfi ’90 is a journalist with the “National Koori Mail.” Since reuniting, Dennis and Joy have added four sons to their family—Micah (4), Jordan (8), James (10), and Zachary (12). Their home is about an hour north of Sydney, Australia.

Karen Roop

A Whirlwind of Prayer

Karen Roop is the mother of three Cedarville alumni—Timothy '94, Cliff Jr. '92, and Michelle Roop Leitch '83. Karen is one of those moms who prays without ceasing for her children. In doing so, she has seen God work in strange ways. During one particular time of intercession, a tornado interrupted her.

When she returned home from work on September 20, 2000, Karen found a message asking her to call her youngest son, Tim. Karen called him. "As Tim shared his concerns with me, I felt the urge to pray aloud with him," she shared. "As I waited for an opening in the conversation, I praised the Lord for giving Timothy to us and for what he had become—a police officer in Xenia, Ohio, following his graduation from Cedarville. I thanked God for Tim's insight as he deals with people's problems daily. Then I asked for God's angels to surround him (thinking of his upcoming night shift duty). I asked that I would be faithful to stand in the gap by praying for him."

It had been raining hard during their conversation and prayer, when suddenly the phone line went dead. "Neither Tim nor I know exactly at what part of the prayer [the line went dead], but when it did, Tim realized the sound of the wind had changed. There was no warning of the approaching F-4 tornado. Tim dove for the center hall, closing all its doors, waiting for quiet," Karen said. Fifteen minutes later, Tim called her on his cell phone. "Mom, I've got my uniform on, I'm going out (four hours early) to help. The church across the street lost its roof!" he said.

In the days following, Karen and Tim learned the F-4 tornado had devastated the area all around Tim. There was damage to his home and truck. His storage shed was torn from its foundation and flung across the street, but Tim was protected. "Only eternity will reveal how much prayer does for others. This one thing I know, prayer changes people who pray," said Karen.



Timothy Roop '94

Sue Parvin McCoy '82



Reunited Through Prayer

Sue Parvin McCoy '82 knows that prayer changes the pray-er. As a mother and a daughter, she has seen God work in awesome ways.

Although Sue was adopted at birth into a strong Christian home, she experienced a “prayer breakthrough” when her son, Tyler, was born. Weighing just 2 lbs. 9 oz. at birth, Tyler brought Sue to her knees in a new way.

Over the next 17 years as Tyler grew into a healthy young man, Sue’s prayer life also matured. Her experience as a mother had made her long to learn more about her birth mother, and she began faithfully praying. “I had a ‘bring it up, again and again’ prayer request to God,” she said. “It seemed that no amount of closed doors would be enough to shake my faith.”

Sue wanted to know if her birth mother was a believer. “His master plan was designed that I was adopted at birth, raised in a Christian home, yet unable to let go of the thought that I needed to find my birth mother to share with her Christ’s great gift. Was this presumptuous request to remain unanswered in this life? With the sealing of records, one is forbidden by law to see her face, know her name, hear her voice. After 13 years of searching, joining organizations, seeking information, petitioning

judges, and relentless praying, God miraculously opened the closed doors and once again answered prayer,” explained Sue.

In 1998, Sue found her birth mother. “Hedy” was now living in Delaware. The pair met in Atlantic City. They discussed Hedy’s story. “It was really sad,” Sue explained. “She had come here from Germany and did not speak English. When she got pregnant, she did not understand what the doctor was explaining about adoption. Being an unwed mother, she agreed to putting me up for adoption, but suffered emotional distress as a result of that decision. Hedy now believes that had she had help with raising a baby, she would not have chosen adoption. She never had any children besides me.”

After that initial meeting, Sue and Hedy began communicating and visiting. Sue has three children, and Hedy thinks of them as her grandchildren.

Sue says her relationship with Hedy is evolving. Sue is overjoyed that God allowed her to find her birth mother, but recognizes that sometimes prayer is not always answered as we envision. Sue explains, “I believe life is all about answered prayer, for everything brought to God will eventually be answered—though not necessarily the way we anticipate.”

A Threefold Answer to Prayer

Charlie '91 and Leigh Ann Rogge Pagnard '92 recently experienced some trying times as they yearned to begin a family. Leigh Ann shares how prayer played such a vital part in their experience.

Leigh Ann's Checklist for Success

- ✓ Accept Jesus as Savior.
- ✓ Go to (and graduate from) a good Christian college.
- ✓ Meet a wonderful, godly man.
- ✓ Marry that cute man!
- ✓ Find a great job.
- ✓ Finish graduate school.
- ✓ Build a home.
- Have two children before age 30.

Lord, I checked my calendar, and it's definitely time to move on with the next item on the list. Let's do it this month. OK, Father?

Not this month.

Does this mean I need to wait, Father? No problem. This month is fine, too.

Not this month.

It's OK, Lord. They say it takes a few months for this to happen. I can be patient. How about this month?

Not this month.

Maybe I'm traveling too much, Lord. Charlie and I need a little more "together" time. You've given us knowledge about these things. I'll use it. With a little scientific help, I'm sure we can make it work this month.

Not this month.

Father, this is really interrupting my plans. I'm not getting any younger, Lord. This month?

Not this month.

Lord, is there some sin in my life that I haven't confessed? Please forgive me for my unknown sins. How about now, Lord?

Not this month.

Does this mean that You know I won't be a good parent, Lord? Am I not having a child because You can see that I'm a workaholic ... a perfectionist ... would I push a child too hard? If I'm just being paranoid, why not this month, Lord?

Not this month.

Not the next month.

Not for more than two years ... an arduous journey through which I learned how self-centered my prayer life really was.

As a young child, I heard a sermon on prayer. I distinctly remember learning that the Lord answers in three ways: yes, no, and wait. Psalm 37:4 was also committed to memory: "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."

In my spiritual babyhood, I believed that my loving Father would give me whatever I wanted. Biblical teaching eventually helped me understand that God would give my heart the desires that would please Him. He wouldn't change to do my wishes; I would change to love His. But it took this circumstance in which God was *not giving me what I wanted* to let this truth take deep root in my heart.

I had a mental checklist for my "successful" life. This involved, among other things, having two kids before I reached my third decade. We first started trying to have children as happy 26-year-olds. We had transferred to Pittsburgh, and the time seemed right. We didn't give a second thought to our lack of conception during this time, because our "two-to-three-year transfer" changed into a six-month training period, and we transferred back to Cincinnati. Our family plans were (we thought) put on hold until we found a home, and I was more established in my new job.

While our home was being built, we prayed together and decided to try again. For the first six months, our prayers were a gentle tap on heaven's door. Truthfully, we weren't too concerned. After six months passed, the taps turned to knocks, and I went to the doctor. At 12 months, the knocks turned to bangs, and we went to a specialist, where the real fun began.

In the years that followed, I felt like my incessant knocking should make God open the door and do what I wanted Him to do. Little did I know that the door was always open; God was just waiting for me to accept His "checklist for success" over my own. I needed to trust God to bring my desires in line with His.

Three of the many important things I have learned through this experience mirror God's answers to prayer I was taught as a young child: yes, no and wait.

YES—It will work out for the good. Don't be blinded by a snapshot. God wrote the whole video. Romans 8:28 reminds, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

Early one morning on the way to work, I smashed my wonderful, first-nice-one-I'd-ever-had-in-my-life car into the back end of a truck. By God's grace, neither I nor the other driver was hurt, but my car was totalled. Bruised, upset, providentially not pregnant at the time, and crying on my husband's shoulder, I thought I had reached my limit. I asked the Lord how much more He thought I could take. But if at that very point I could have seen the future stretched out before me, I would have been jumping up and down with joy.

Believe it or not, with God's direction, I was able to negotiate with the insurance company for \$5,000 above their original settlement offer for my car. This helped our strained finances by eliminating a monthly car payment and by paying for the next round of fertility treatments—treatments that worked!

There is NO doubt that His ways are the best. Pick His checklist over yours. “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart’” (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

While our path to parenthood didn't follow the traditional trails that I would have chosen, God's perfect plan has changed me for the better. It has strengthened my faith, improved our marriage, and opened new doors of ministry for our family. My “plan” would have given us a child. God's plan gave us so much more!

WAIT patiently and keep the lines of communications open. So often prayers focus on changing *circumstances* rather than on changing *people*—namely ourselves. Psalm 40:1 states, “I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.”

How did I get in my “slimy pit” in the first place? I neglected to stand on the Rock by focusing on the slimy circumstances surrounding me. When in despair I feared His “*wait for a child*” was really a “*no, you can't have children,*” my stubborn will was finally broken. I was focusing on my empty arms and unfulfilled dreams, but God was working on my

strong-willed heart (and lengthy checklist). Finally, with tears running down my face, I reaffirmed God's place as Sovereign Ruler of my life. Peace filled my heart as I trusted once again that God's plan would obviously be the very best for my life. I accepted the possibility that we would never have children and started mentally planning for a happy life without babies.

Once I came to that *very peaceful and joy-filled* place of submission and trust, the “wait” that I feared was a “no” turned out to be a “yes, yes, yes!” Talk about abundant blessings! God gave us not one, not two, but three tiny bundles of joy—two girls and a boy!

As I was finishing this article, shut in a bedroom with two babies sleeping next door and another downstairs with daddy, I heard a panicked cry from my son. Since little Charlie is as

easy-going as my wonderful husband, I dropped my laptop and ran to see what was the matter. Snuggling my miracle of a little boy reminded me how much God longs to “snuggle” us through our times of trial. He listens, *really listens* to our cries. If you think you are alone in your pain, Satan is playing with your mind. Don't give in to the lies or self-pity. Focus on the truth.

God hears.
God cares.
God loves.
God gives only the best.

When you deep-in-your-soul accept this as truth, you can face difficulties with a heart at peace, knowing that each trial is a God-designed blessing just waiting for you to find it.



Prayer Delivered Them from Cuba

As prayer chairperson for her Sunday school class at Upper Room Church in Buford, Georgia, Maureen Zielinski Stirman '58 heard the prayerful story of Lidia and Albelardo Delgado, who also attend Upper Room. Maureen shares the Delgados' story in her own words.

In Cuba, the land of Lidia's birth, the Batista Regime ruled in the 1940s and 50s. During that time, Christians were free to worship. Lidia accepted the Lord when she was five years old. As she grew her prayers included, "Please, Father, help me to know the man you want me to marry. Send me a Christian husband."

Albelardo Delgado was 18 when a friend invited him to a Baptist church where he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. Lidia and Albelardo's paths crossed, not by chance, but in answer to Lidia's prayers. Lidia attended the University of Havana where Albelardo studied pediatric medicine. They were married in 1962 and eventually had two children.

In 1959, Fidel Castro, a Marxist guerrilla, overthrew the Batista government. Albelardo sensed their freedom was in jeopardy. People were beginning to leave Cuba in droves. Albelardo requested visas to leave. "You are a doctor. We need you here," he was told. Albelardo was sent to the Bay of Pigs, where he worked seven days a week and was on call 24 hours a day. By the grace of God, and Lidia's prayers, somehow he was able to do it. He never lost hope of getting his family away from the place that had become a prison. The career that Albelardo worked so hard to acquire was the very thing that kept him a prisoner in his own country. Many people tried to escape by boat. Some got away. Some died trying. The Delgados continued to pray for visas. "Maybe by Christmas," Lidia said, wiping her eyes.

Five Christmases came and went, and the visas did not come. The Delgado family was like the Israelites in Egypt. Lidia never gave up hope. "It will come, Albelardo, it will come. God has not forgotten us," she would say.

Albelardo replied, "I can live with less food, love, and less conveniences, but I can't live without my freedom. We have to go. This is like a sentence without end. If you are in prison, at least you have a term to serve."

God did not forget them. Six years after Albelardo's conversation with the immigration officers, the important letter was delivered. A week later the Delgados settled into their airplane seats and looked forward to their new life. They carried a few bags, old love letters, and some clothes, but they were free! It was 1974.

As their children, Richard and Riysa, felt the wheels of the airplane touch down, Lidia put her arms around them and said, "Thank you, Father." Her heart felt a bittersweet sensation. Tears ran down her cheeks. God had rescued them, and they were in America, where Albelardo went into family practice.

Today, Lidia stands in front of the Upper Room Sunday school class in Buford, Georgia, holding a hymnbook. She looks very American in her denim dress and sandals. She smiles at her husband. His dark hair is speckled with gray and around his eyes are laugh lines. This is the man God sent to her when she prayed as a girl. Albelardo answers her smile. Lidia lifts her head and with a voice full of emotion sings:

*Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made.
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

Lidia's prayers and the prayers of other faithful prayer warriors were answered. Indeed, "How great Thou art, how great Thou art."



Operation: Prayer Force

Among the many student-led organizations at Cedarville is Prayer Force (PF). PF is an organization that encourages women to meet in small groups to pray for requests that have been submitted by students, professors, missionaries ... anyone.

Jennifer Lutz Killingsworth '98 started the group in 1997 with the help of assistant organizer Rachel Reno '00. "We were responsible for spearheading the quarterly Kick-Offs, organizing the yearly leadership retreat and bi-weekly leadership meetings, and distributing the prayer request cards," explained Jenny.

PF started in response to a personal struggle that Jenny was facing. "At that time in my life, I didn't see the point of so many Christians sequestered away by ourselves, not affecting the world," she explained. "I saw PF as our way out. We could use this place where we were safe from the influences of the world to pray for those who were out in the world, such as missionaries or students at secular schools. I had just tried to transfer to the University of Florida (UF), because I felt like I was twiddling my thumbs at Christian-ville. When that didn't work out, I saw this as a way to affect something. I felt that by praying for missionaries and my friends at UF I could be a part of what they were doing to reach other people."

It started small as Jenny first put a prayer request box outside her dorm door. "I thought it would be fun to ask 21 girls to form seven groups of three to cover each day of the week," she recalled. "We could all put our prayer requests in and know that they would be prayed for every day. It was kind of a selfish notion, I guess. I wanted to know I was being prayed for, and I thought it would be cool to see God answer our prayers together as a group. That was the original idea."

In preparation for her plan, she invited some girls over one night to tell them her idea. Exactly 21 girls showed up. Jenny noted, "I think some of them thought I was weird, others really liked the idea. Other girls heard about it and started asking me if they could do it, too. Then so many girls started asking me about it that I realized I was going to have to organize and coordinate this a bit more than I was initially thinking."



When Jenny saw how many girls were interested in prayer and praying together, she realized that she needed to make sure everyone was on the same page. To keep things accessible and coordinated, PF placed three prayer request boxes in different areas on campus. "Women would meet at one of the locations once a week at the time they signed up for at the quarterly Kick-Off. They would pray for requests for half an hour, marking which request they stopped at so that the next group could pick up where they left off."

Soon Jenny's vision for PF started to evolve. "That's when I started seeing the potential for a massive prayer chain that could be enacted at a moment's notice if we were really organized and had a good communication line," she stated.

"That was not part of my original idea, but part of the expanded vision."

PF changed on its own, and the leaders simply responded with the changes that needed to be made. "A lot of the organizational aspects were done out of necessity. It wasn't me sitting down and thinking up this massive organization," Jenny added.

The men soon caught on and formed their own prayer group, Elijah's Fire. "Their purpose is basically

the same as the women's Prayer Force," explained Bob Rohm, vice president for Christian ministries. "As in any voluntary group, the group is only as effective as its student leaders. Each year the impact is a bit different."

Jenny said that PF ministered to her in many ways. She concluded, "I learned a lot about leadership (basically because I made many mistakes) and people in general. I got to see God answer prayer in big and small ways. It was exciting to me to help provide a way for women to learn about prayer together. Many missionaries wrote and thanked us for praying for them. They appreciated knowing that they were prayed for consistently."

Jennifer Lutz Killingsworth '98 was an organizational communications major while at Cedarville. Currently, she is a full-time mother to her son, Isaac. Jenny and her husband, Trey, reside in Stuart, Florida.

Clearing Away Barriers to Prayer

Deborah Copeland Holt '87 is a licensed counselor who studies and speaks on overcoming prayer struggles. Following are highlights from Debbie's "Clearing Away the Barriers" presentation.

Most of the time when people come to see me as a counselor, they know what to do; they just don't know why they don't do it. We know we need to pray. We know that prayer is our link to God—our means of knowing Him intimately and allowing Him to cleanse us and work through us. We yearn for that kind of prayer life, yet we hide and run away from it. I've concluded that there are eight barriers which keep us from praying consistently:

1. Too Busy

We live in a busy society, often going from crisis to crisis. Research shows that 80 percent of doctor visits are a result of not taking time to take care of ourselves. When the symptoms get too bad, we go to the doctor. It's the same with God. We only come to Him when we have a need or crisis (there's nothing wrong with that since God calls us to cry out to Him), and then we get stuck in the busyness again. Before we know it, communion with God is no longer a priority. But busyness is just a smoke screen—after all, we take time to do things that are important to us and that we think accomplish something. I think the core problem of busyness goes down into my next point.

2. "Do-er" Syndrome

In the story of Mary and Martha (Luke 10), Martha was busy. She didn't know when it was time to just sit at the Master's feet. Why? Probably because she defined herself by her actions. Underneath this "do-er" syndrome is a perfectionist. Perfectionists don't know when enough is enough or when it is good enough. We look for immediate, concrete results. The problem is that the spirit life is unseen. It's not immediate. It's not something that we "accomplish." "Do-ers" have difficulty in seeing the productivity in prayer because sometimes the results aren't seen for a long time. I used to shame myself for that; I used to say, "If I were more spiritual, I wouldn't struggle with this." I don't say that anymore. Instead, I accept the fact that this block to prayer is a struggle of my personality. When we shame the struggle, we give up and stop trying. Address it, but don't shame it.

3. Pride

Pride says, "I don't need God." Though we may never verbalize that, often our actions speak louder than words. If we only pray during times of crisis, then we are saying, "Lord, I'll handle my life but you're my back-up when things get too rough." (It's the idea that I'll become dependent when I can no longer be independent.) Prayer is supposed to be the recognition of my dependence on God.

4. Fear of Not Doing Prayer Right or Fear of Failing

One of the worst things that ever happened to me as a perfectionist was when somebody came out with the acronym "ACTS"—Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication. (Giving that to a perfectionist is an invitation to frustration!) I wanted to pray, but

sometimes I would look for the right formula. I would start to pour out my heart to God and then go through this acronym. For me, there would be this sense of relief when I could just finally talk to God after going through this ritual. The idea is that if I don't do it a certain way, then I feel as if I've done it wrong—resulting in a sense of failure. Failure will keep perfectionists away from praying because it leads to a lot of pressure, which is the fifth point.

5. Prayer Becomes Either Shaming or Boring

When I feel like I'm a failure at prayer, or I begin to feel like it is another item on my "To Do" list, prayer becomes shaming or boring. It's just one more thing that I have to do that I don't want to do. And so I start to get angry because it's a burden. Then I avoid it because I see it as a task to be completed rather than a relationship.

6. Spiritual Battle

We often forget that Satan doesn't want us on our knees. If we do get on our knees, he doesn't want it to be anything close to a relationship type of prayer. Ephesians 6:12 reminds us that Satan does not want us to be dependent on God; he wants us to be dependent on ourselves. So we have to remember that the act of prayer is a spiritual battle. Every time we go to God in a relationship manner, Satan is going to fight it.

7. Disappointment with God

Many of us have gone through a time when we prayed repeatedly for a situation and began to wonder, "Is God really listening?" or "Why bother—He's going to do what He wants to do anyway." That disappointment causes us to drift away from God. When nothing happens in response to our prayers, we either believe that God can do something and doesn't because He doesn't care, or we believe that God wants to do something but doesn't have the power to do so. Either one is a bad place to be, and it leads to my final point which may be the bottom line cause of prayer struggles.

8. An Improper Concept of God

How we view God affects every way in which we relate to Him. Having an improper concept of God is going to affect that relationship. We might hide from a God whom we see as an "unpleasable" taskmaster, or take for granted a "blessing dispenser" God, or ignore or hold in contempt a God we deem to be impersonal, passive, or irrelevant.

We need to remember that our prayer life is not about ritual, but relationship. It requires effort, time, patience, and a willingness to hold eternal rewards to be more important than the immediate.

After graduating from Cedarville, Debbie earned a M.S. in counseling. She is currently in private practice as a licensed counselor with Christian Counseling Associates in Dayton, Ohio. Debbie also is an adjunct instructor at Cedarville. For more information on her counseling practice or her speaking schedule, contact her at 937-237-5001.

Alumnotes

50s

David Gardner '56 and his wife, Lois, enjoyed David's service as interim pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Bridgeton, Missouri from January through March. They were excited to be able to assist a church that has been a special blessing to them throughout their ministry.

Robert '59 and **Esther Stutesman Howder '62** are thankful that a revised accredited master's degree is now available to both professional and lay leaders at the Grand Rapids Baptist Extension Program in Singapore.

60s

Hubball Sookram '60 and his wife, Evelyn, are missionary appointees with Bethesda Ministries. They pray they can take the message of hope to ethnic groups in West Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Creating a Spiritual Heritage for the Hispanic World

Marv '65 and Joan Carter Stephens '65 were featured in the January 2002 *Baptist Bulletin* for their work at



Editorial Bautista Independiente (EBI), the Spanish language division of Baptist Mid-Missions. According to the article by Daria Greening, EBI came about more than 40 years ago because of the need for Baptist Sunday school materials that could be used by Spanish-speakers. The Stephenses joined EBI in 1994, leaving behind secular jobs in business and education. Today Marv is general director and business manager for the ministry, while Joan serves as English editor.

Daria noted that EBI has grown to provide Bibles, Bible studies, Bible reference books, children's materials, and pastoral training courses for missionaries, pastors, and believers in 27 countries. In addition, the Sebring, Florida publisher has recently begun a Ministry Enrichment Program, which supplies 26-book libraries to needy national pastors for a \$150 donation from a church or individual.

The *Baptist Bulletin* article noted that the Stephenses are looking for volunteers and full-time supported personnel, especially Spanish-speakers with editing and formatting experience, to assist the ministry. With extra help, EBI would like to produce additional materials, including women's Bible studies and vacation Bible school materials.

For more information, call 863-382-6350, e-mail info@ebi-bmm.org, or visit their Web site at www.ebi-bmm.org.

Norm '64 and **Evelyn Thoms Nicklas '64** had the opportunity in December 2001 to visit ABWE missionaries starting a church in New York City. They passed out many tracts at Ground Zero and were thankful for the openness of the people.

Norman '67 and **Louise Stutesman Barnard '67** are thankful to be back home in Singapore. On their return trip they were able to attend the fiftieth anniversary celebration of ABWE's ministry in Hong Kong.

Chuck Truxton '67 and his wife, Bev, are burdened for the people in Nigeria. Chuck enjoys counseling people in need and is doing all he can to help HIV and AIDS patients cope physically and emotionally. Bev continues to work in the maternity ward at Evangel Hospital.

Joe '68 and **Sharon Tallman Holloway '68** are enjoying their furlough from Ireland. They praise God for meeting their physical needs and for allowing them to spend time with family, friends, and faithful supporters.

Dan Lacey '68 and his wife, Betty, are thankful for the eight new students who enrolled at the Bible Institute at Algrange this year. They continue to see God's blessing on their work in France—several people have given their lives to Christ.



Ken '68 and **Marlene Werner Nichols '68** and family hosted a dinner for Cedarville friends before a basketball game between Cedarville University and Christian Heritage in El Cajon, California on December 29, 2001. The families involved were the Berrys, Jeremiahs, Rickards, Slagles, and Howards.

Bruce '69 and **Beverly Hare McDonald '72** continue to minister to professional athletes. Bruce has finished writing one book, *Real Men Pray*, and is now working on two other books. They are praying that these writing projects will expand their ministry.

70s

Ken Cole '70 and his wife, Alice, see enthusiasm and excitement within the Helping Asians Reach Asia program in the Philippines. Continue to pray that Filipinos will catch the vision and sense of urgency.

Robert '70 and **Jane Austin Kilko '70** serve with Baptist Messianic Ministries in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In December 2001, they commemorated Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights. Their desire was to share with the Jewish people that this Feast of Lights points to Jesus, the Light of the World. They are excited that one church has begun the first Awana club in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

Sue Farley '71 had a busy December with planning meetings and Christmas performances. On January 1, 2002 the ABWE all-nations choir performed at the Hong Kong Cultural Center, which gave Sue the chance to see friends from many churches.

Larry '72 and **Nancy Leapline Allen '70** have been blessed with many opportunities to reach out to their neighborhood in the Philippines. They trust the Lord as they work with Emmanuel Baptist Church to start a new church.



Barb Cooper Klumpp '74 and her husband, Phil, continue to make preparations for the missionary children reunion that will be held this summer. Phil, Barb, and Katie plan to return to the Philippines this summer to teach at Baptist Bible Seminary.

Paul Beck '76 and his wife, Becky, traveled to the Philippines in October 2001 for the first-ever Joint East Asia field conference. Paul was the planning chairman, and after many hours of planning and organizing, the conference was a success.

Evandro Batista '77 and his wife, Elina, are serving the Lord with ABWE in Portugal. They do not have a church building in Mafra yet, but are building bridges among the friends in town through choral group, ladies' tea, and painting lessons for Elina. The church in Ericeira has many people who are ready to be actively involved in church ministries, and many of them are witnessing to their friends and co-workers.

80s

Kent Craig '80 and his wife, Kelly, and daughters, Kari and Kandace, live in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Kent is the ABWE executive administrator for Far East ministries. Over the past 18 months, they have ministered with their personnel in 11 of the 13 countries in the Far East administration of ABWE. **Jeff '80** and **Debbie Mullet Warix '79** continue to serve the Lord in the Mormon-dominated western U.S. with their family. They are seeking God's wisdom and guidance as they try to decide whether to sell their church property and build somewhere else or stay at their current location.

Nancy Hall DeValve '81 and her husband, John, returned to Niger in August 2001. They were excited to see that six believers had been following Jesus for a year instead of clinging to Muslim traditions. Nancy plans to start a Bible club for the children of these believers. John and Nancy have two children, Daniel (12) and Suzanne (10).

David Lewis '81 received his doctorate of ministry from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in December 2001. His major project was on developing a ministry for parents of pre-adolescents, teaching the parents how to discuss the difficult, but important, moral themes in Proverbs 1-9 with their children in developmentally effective ways. David and his wife, Kelly, have four children and reside in Corpus Christi, Texas, where David has been the senior pastor at Bayshore Bible for eight years.

Teresa Heeney Estes '83 along with her husband, Don, and children, Annemarie and Jon-Michel, are enjoying their new home in Greeley, Colorado. Teresa teaches music at an elementary school, and Don is the telelearning coordinator at Morgan Community College.

Nathan Hunter '83 received his master of arts degree in ministry from Moody Bible Institute in December 2001. Nate continues to minister as executive director at Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ.

John Balaicuis '84 successfully completed the second step of the United States Medical Licensing Exam in November 2001. He plans to graduate from Jefferson Medical College in June

Alumna Meets with Chinese Premier and Dignitaries



Jewel Schroder Nordstrom '86 is no stranger to China. Perhaps this is why the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) of China chose her to join Dr. Pat Robertson in historic meetings with key Chinese leaders recently.

Jewel, who is the regional director for CBN China, and Dr. Robertson met with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji (all three shown above) to enhance U.S.-China relations and explore the role that CBN can play in strengthening ties between the two countries. Jewel and Dr. Robertson also met with Yan Mingfu, chairman of the China Charity Federation, to produce an historic agreement for a joint foundation between the Federation and CBN China.

The agreement allows CBN China to raise humanitarian aid funds from foreign enterprises and individuals in China. This will assist CBN China in their work to give medical treatment to the poor, dispense medicines, facilitate surgeries for orphans both domestically and abroad, improve orphanage living conditions, install wells and cisterns in drought-ridden areas, care for the elderly, and help in disaster relief situations.

Jewel and Dr. Robertson also met with other Chinese leaders, including Ye Xiaowen, director of the China Religious Affairs Bureau; Deng Pufang, chairman of the China Handicapped Foundation; Li Zhaoxing, vice minister of foreign affairs; and Wang Debing, chancellor of Peking University.

Jewel's first trip to China was in 1985 with the Cedarville women's basketball team, and in 1988 she returned to China to teach with the Cedarville teaching exchange program at the People's University in Beijing. Since then, she has taught Ph.D. students at Beijing University, the "Harvard of China." In fact, Jewel was the first foreigner to receive the "Most Excellent Teacher" award at Beijing University.

Jewel has also negotiated the arrival of sports teams to compete against China's national and university teams in a variety of sports. In 1996 she served as a liaison for the Chinese Olympic Softball team in the Atlanta Olympics.

Jewel and her husband, Dwight, live in Beijing. To contact them, e-mail Jewel at Jewel.Nordstrom@cbnchina.org.

and is applying to and interviewing with hospitals in the Northeast and Midwest for a residency position. John is so thankful for the many people who have been praying for him and his wife, Anne.

Gary Brewer '84 and his wife, Kathy, work with Bibles International. Gary has traveled many miles and experienced the joy of the Lamkaang people of India as they received their first Scriptures after more than 12 years of work. The Brewers reside in Jenison, Michigan.

Randall Cook '85 was one of four recipients of the 2001 Milken National Educator Award in Michigan.

This award was created to provide public and financial recognition to teachers, principals, and other education professionals who advance the notion of educational excellence. Randall teaches at Tri County Area High School in Howard City, Michigan.



Colin '85 and Dianne Noggle Lord '88 announce the birth of Isaac David on May 15, 2001.

He joins his siblings, Maria (9), Colin (7), Jonathan (5), Natasha (4), and Benjamin (2), in Churdan, Iowa. In June, the family plans to move to Papua New Guinea to be missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Colin will teach band at the Ukarumpa International School.



Ed '85 and Janice Warren Supplee '86 announce the adoption of Benjamin David on December 12, 2001. Benjamin joins two cocker spaniel pets, one of which is Tassel, a puppy given to them by the class of 2001. They reside in Cedarville, Ohio.

Cliff Johnson '87H was one of four veterans featured in "Heroes of Yesteryear . . . shining examples for today!" articles published in the *Xenia Daily Gazette* in November 2001. He and his wife, Pam, work at Cedarville University.



Teresa Palmer '87 and Bradley Jones were married in February 2001. Teresa is the regional medical director for a hospitalist company. They reside in Mesa, Arizona.



Tom '88 and Meg Irving Fite '89 announce the birth of Stephen Michael on August 24, 2001. He was welcomed home in Aurora, Ohio by his siblings, Atalie, Seth, and Olivia. The Fites have been called by God to share the love of Jesus through the sport of soccer with On Goal Ministries. The purpose of On Goal Ministries is to use soccer to lead children and families toward the greatest goal in life: knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Cindy Guido Gomez '88 teaches at the largest public high school in Miami, Florida. She is also the coordinator of the program for English speakers of other languages, which includes 600 students. Cindy is taking classes for her master of science degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages. Living in a big city and teaching at a public school is not where Cindy thought she would be when she left Cedarville, but she loves what she is doing and is grateful for the opportunity to serve God there.



Lisa Hurst Robinson '88 and her husband, William, announce the birth of Emma Rose on November 15, 2001. Big brothers Joshua and Nathan welcomed her home in Dublin, Ohio.

Kristi Culp Talbot '88 and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of Hunter James on January 1, 2001.

Hunter was the New Year's baby for Champaign County in Ohio. Kristi is a first grade teacher at Triad Local Schools in North Lewisburg, Ohio.

90s



Cheryl Warren Brugel '90 and her husband, Steve, announce the adoption of Matthew Steven on August 16, 2001. Matthew's name was chosen because it means "gift from God." After teaching high school in Hudsonville, Michigan for 11 years, Cheryl now enjoys staying home with Matthew.

Joel '90 and Dana Daniels Campbell '92 announce the birth of Emily Grace on October 4, 2001. Emily joined her brother, Aaron, in London, England. Joel works for the St. Paul Companies and recently completed a three-year assignment as international treasury manager in England. The Campbells now reside in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Toni Isaacson Christiansen '90 and her husband, Glenn, announce the birth of Matthew James on March 26, 2001. He was welcomed home in Grand Rapids, Ohio by his sister, Sarah (5). Toni is involved in the local moms groups and Bible studies, and the family enjoys being involved at church.

Chris '90 and Lara Long Gifford '91N announce the adoption of Parke Marie from China. Chris and Lara received their daughter on October 31, 2001. Big brothers Peyton (10) and Palmer (5) welcomed her home in Lewis Center, Ohio. **Bobby '90 and Sara Sweetland Hile '92** continue to see blessings from God within the "Blessing Durban: The Decade of a Movement" project. The second church is near completion, and there are plans to break ground on the third church this year.



Neal Wallace '90 is a senior case law editor for Lexis Nexis, a legal publishing firm. His wife, **Kathi Harris Wallace '87**, home-schools their daughter, Beth Ann, while watching over Kaley (3). They reside in Alton, Illinois.

Michele Cummings Solomon '91 and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of twin girls, Megan Joy and Lauren Grace, on August 9, 2001. They join their sister, Abbey (3), at home in Bellbrook, Ohio.

Gary '92 and Janice Waddell Cooper '91 now reside in Syracuse, New York, where Gary works for American Tower, Inc., and Janice stays home with their three girls, Kristen (7), Emily (5), and Sarah (2).



Janette Rehfeld Folks '92 and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of David Elijah on



August 12, 2001. David joins his brothers, Titus (7), Caleb (6), and Jared (2), at home in Bremerton, Washington. Janette is a homemaker and works one day a week as a pediatric home health registered nurse. Patrick is a naval reserve recruiter and finished fifth in the nation for fiscal year 2001. The Folks are active members at Navy Yard City Bible Church.

Mike Measley '92 is busy serving the Lord in Malaumanda. He has been checking the comprehension of a book that he had translated before he left on furlough, and he is working with two men on translating the book of Mark.



Laurel Born Pinson '92 and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of Claire Margaret on November 20, 2001. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio. **Matt Gilson '93** and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of Rachel Katherine on June 28, 2001. They reside in Loveland, Ohio.

Letters to Linda

Brad Silvius '92 shares about his breakthrough in his pursuit of a writing career.



For almost seven years, I attempted to start a writing career. During my six years at Ford Motor Company, I spent countless hours "night writing" in hopes of getting my first book published. In January of 2000, I left Ford to pursue this dream on a full-time basis.

Through what can only be described as the hand of God, one of my book proposals was chosen by Floyd Wickman to be his next book: a novel about life's greatest lessons. Floyd is a world-renowned motivational speaker, traveling with the likes of Zig Ziglar, Brian Tracy, and the late Og Mandino. Floyd chose my concept for a book titled *Letters to Linda*, a novel based on Floyd's life and geared toward not only explaining Floyd's life lessons, but also his faith in Christ.

A year and a half later, the book is finally available! In its first month of release, it is selling extremely well and the reviews are outstanding. Some are comparing it to *Tuesdays with Morrie*. In fact, Mark Victor Hansen, co-creator of the *Chicken Soup* series, said, "*Letters to Linda* is compelling, interesting, heart-absorbing, and absolutely memorable."

I would invite you to visit the official Web site at www.LettersToLinda.com, where you can learn all about the book and read reviews.

John '93 and Lisa Coe Hill '95 announce the birth of Madelyn Karel on November 18, 2001. John is the owner of a Play It Again Sports store, and Lisa stays at home in Hagerstown, Maryland.



Julie Buckley Macrae '93 lives in Weston, Massachusetts with her husband, Doug, and their two sons. They recently enjoyed a trip to Scotland where they traced their family history.

Denny Marzano '93 and his wife, Tammy, announce the birth of Brenden on June 6, 2001. They reside in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Paul McGrady '93 is in his third year with the law firm Ladas & Parry. His wife, **Lisa Davidson McGrady '89**, defended her dissertation proposal and research plan in October 2001. They have a daughter, Lily (2), and reside in Park Forest, Illinois.

Cindy Gannon Storer '93 and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Jake on January 20, 2001. His sisters, Victoria (3) and Sydney (2), awaited his arrival in Springfield, Ohio.



Aaron '94 and Lisa Gillett

Bishop '93 announce the birth of Luke James on December 14, 2000. They reside in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Ryan '94 and Stephanie

Brown Linnehan '93 announce the birth of Bryanna Belle. She was born April 12, 2000 and joins her brothers, Tyler (5) and Riley (3), in Trenton, Maine.



Jim '94 and Janie Barrett

Murphy '95 announce the adoption of Alexander James on August 3, 2001. Alex was born on June 23, 2000 in Perm, Russia. Jim teaches fifth grade, and Janie enjoys staying at home with Alex in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Maria Gingerich Nyland '94 and her husband, Ian, announce the birth of Aliyah Kate on November 15, 2001. She was welcomed home by her sister, Sarah, in Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada. Maria is a public health nurse, and Ian is pastor of Dawson Community Chapel.



Rory '94 and Cheryl Pinkerton Patterson '93 announce the birth of Joshua Daniel on November 19, 2001. Joshua joins his brother, Andrew (2), in Xenia, Ohio. Rory is on the library faculty at Cedarville University.



Paul '94 and Kim Stitzel Pirrie '95 announce the birth of Rachel Elisabeth on October 15, 2001. She joins her siblings, Benjamin (6), Rebecca (4), and Davy (2), at home in Lawton, Iowa. Paul is a fourth grade teacher in Sioux City, Iowa and is also the part-time youth pastor at a new church plant in Moville, Iowa.

Stephanie Hunsaker Poulson '94 and her husband, Jeffery, are missionaries with New Tribes Mission in Brazil. They manage a guesthouse ministry for tribal missionaries who travel in and out of the jungle posts. They have two sons, Caleb (2) and Brennan. Brennan was born on April 30, 2001.



Ginger Hedlund Banks '95 and her husband, Charles, announce the birth of Charles David on October 11, 2001. He was welcomed home by his sister, Sarah, in Columbus, Ohio.



Sandra Marvin Ellis '95 and her husband, Dorian, announce the birth of Holly Mae on June 15, 2001. Sandra and Dorian were married April 4, 1998 in Maidenhead, England. They reside in Camas, Washington.



Scott '95 and **Christine Fischbacher Hayden '93** announce the birth of Krista Merilyse on October 25, 2001. Krista joins her parents in Thailand, where they serve with Network of International Christian Schools.



Stephanie Kirchoff Hirth '95 and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of Drue Aaron on July 6, 2001. After teaching in an elementary school for five years, Stephanie now enjoys staying at home with Drue. Aaron is a project manager for a HVAC mechanical contractor.

They reside in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Keith '95 and **Debbie Perkins Hurt '94** announce the birth of Emily Joy. She was born November 8, 2001 and joins her sister, Anna (2), at home in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Keith works for the Board of Mental Retardation, and Debbie enjoys staying home with the girls.



Dave Majeski '95 and **Amy LaBarge** were married June 2, 2001 in Muskegon, Michigan. Several Cedarville alumni participated in the wedding, including **David Rudd '95**, who officiated the ceremony. Other Cedarville alumni included **Toby Jacobson '96**, **Kirk**

Powell '93, **Phil Lankford '95**, **Brian Nelson '95**, and **Leah Peter '97**. The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas, and they are now residing in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Dave is a

network administrator for SPX Corporation, and Amy is finishing her nursing degree.



Chris Marland '95 and **Tami Strong '96** were married August 18, 2001 at the Nazareth Chapel on the Northwestern Bible College campus in St. Paul, Minnesota. They enjoyed a honeymoon in San Diego, California before returning home to Apple Valley, Minnesota.

Jennifer Yaggi Bates '96 and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of Jacob Isaiah on September 19, 2001. Jennifer and Jim were married October 7, 2000 at The Gathering Place in Othello, Washington, where they now reside. Jennifer works part-time as an English as a second language



instructor with Big Bend Community College. She teaches beginning English classes to adult learners who are primarily from the countries of Mexico and Ukraine. Jim is an employee service representative in the human resources department at J.R. Simplot Company. They are thankful to be part of Columbia Christian Center, where they are

actively involved in the children's ministries.

Bart Butler '96 and **Amanda Phipps** were married November 23, 2001 on a Carnival cruise ship in Miami, Florida. They enjoyed a honeymoon in the Bahamas before returning home to Columbus, Ohio. Bart is a financial advisor with AIG, and Amanda works in the financial reporting department for Ross Labs.



Jim Cramer '96 and **Jeanne Carlton '99** were married October 20, 2001 in Washington Court House, Ohio. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Lexington, Kentucky, and now reside in Dayton, Ohio.

Brent Gibbs '96 has joined the management division of Mitchell Artist Management in Nashville, Tennessee. Brent will serve as a management associate for artists Aaron Benward, Plus One, and Nicolette Hart. Brent's background in literary acquisitions strengthens a new division of the company in author representation and literary acquisition.

Brian Jones '97 and **Melody Gbur '98** were married June 30, 2001 in New Jersey. After graduating from Cedarville, Brian received a master's degree in international relations at the Universidad Complutense in

Madrid, Spain, and Melody received a fine arts degree, with an emphasis in graphic design, from Montclair State University. Brian works for Standard & Poor's in New York City.

Brian Naess '97 and **Sarah Laramore '96** were married March 10, 2001. After a honeymoon in Tennessee and Florida, they have made their home in Baltimore, Ohio. Brian is the youth pastor at Milner Road Baptist Church, and Sarah is a mortgage processor for Stewardship Mortgage.

Jeff '97 and **Karen Boyce Saunders '97** announce the birth of Erica Jean on April 12, 2001. They reside in Racine, Wisconsin.



Brenda Kregel Tower '97 and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of Elizabeth Kathleen on July 30, 2001. They reside in Jenison, Michigan.

Renee Tuinstra Trexler '97 and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Nathaniel Michael on September 29, 2001. They live in Dayton, Ohio, where Michael is an internal medicine physician at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and Renee stays home to care for Nathaniel.



Elizabeth Stone Williams '97 and her husband, Jeffrey, announce the birth of Joshua David on August 10, 2001. Liz is a middle school science teacher in the Detroit public school system and is enrolled in the master's program at Saginaw Valley State University.

Michael Young '97 works for J.D. Cloud & Co. L.L.P. and has been promoted from senior accountant to manager in the firm. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Ohio Society of CPAs. He lives in Burlington, Kentucky with his wife and daughter.

Kevin '98 and **Anna Harlan Armstrong '98** announce the birth of Ashley Ann on November 19, 2001. They reside in Wooster, Ohio.

Matthew Murphy '98 and **Karen Davis** were married August 25, 2001 at Glen Baptist Church in Watkins Glen, New York. Matthew works at Corning Credit Union. They reside in Big Flats, New York.



Joy Peterson '98 and **Tracy Brand** were married June 30, 2001. Joy is a labor and delivery nurse at St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, and Tracy is a district sales manager for NC+ hybrids. They reside in Roca, Nebraska.



Ruthanne Pierson '98 and **Daniel Crapo** were married June 9, 2001. They reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan. **Jayne Russell '98** has completed two years of Russian study in Kiev, Ukraine. She serves as a missionary with SEND International and is involved with an English school for Ukrainian children.

Scott Shaw '98 and **Alisa Whitt '99** were married September 29, 2001 and have made their home in Stow, Ohio. Scott works with youth and worship at The Chapel in Akron, and Alisa has a music therapy career at a local hospital.



Chris '99 and **Lori Hockenberry Alexander '96** announce the birth of Abigail McKenna on May 14, 2001. She joins her brother, Ryan, at home in Park Forest, Illinois.

Jay Clark '99 and **Megan Ruoss '00** were married July 1, 2000 at



Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Reading, Pennsylvania. The couple honeymooned in Bermuda and returned to their home in Mt. Penn, Pennsylvania. Jay is a computer software salesman for Xetex Business Systems, and Megan is a nurse at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center. **Jacob Rambo '99** graduated from the University of California Davis School of Law in May 2001 and passed the California bar examination that summer. He is a deputy district attorney in Amador County, California.



Steve '99 and **Sarah Grapentine Strong '99** announce the birth of Jared Thomas on October 27,

2001. Steve is the youth pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Westlake, Ohio, and Sarah stays at home to care for their new son.

2000s

Tim Amstutz '00 and **Kim Meadows '01** were married June 30, 2001 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple made their home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Tim is a sales engineer for OPEX Corporation.



James Hall '00 and **Nicole Luckmann '00** were married September 9, 2001 in Chicago, Illinois. Due to September 11, their honeymoon to Mexico had to be postponed.

They now reside in Orlando, Florida, where Jamie is a flight instructor, and Nikki is an adoptions counselor.



Rebecca Leatherman '00 and **Jarrold Michalak** were married July 15, 2000. Several Cedarville alumni participated in the wedding. The couple enjoyed a cruise in the Caribbean, and they are now residing in Telford, Pennsylvania. Rebecca is a seventh grade learning support

teacher at Indian Valley Middle School, and Jarrod works as an auto technician at Michalak Service Station.

Rosemarie Marotta '00 and **Jason Beedon** were married June 3, 2001 in Appleton, New York. They enjoyed a cruise to the Bahamas before returning home to Buffalo, New York, where they are missionaries with Campus Crusade for Christ at the University of Buffalo. **Brenda Mick '00** and **Brian Felker** were married

September 29, 2001. Brenda is a registered nurse at Mary Free Bed Hospital, and Brian is a manager at Fastco Industries. They reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jason O'Neal '00 and **Kristi High '01** were married July 7, 2001. They have made their home in Taylors, South Carolina.



Paul '00 and **Ellen Laber Swenson '00** announce the birth of Samuel Paul on October 16, 2001. Paul sells advertisements for a brochure about northern Vermont. They reside in Derby, Vermont.

Joel Cormany '01 and **Karen Leininger '01** were married August 4, 2001 in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Joel teaches at a Dayton charter school, and Karen teaches fifth grade in Washington Court House. They reside in Cedarville, Ohio.

Derrick Doherty '01 and **Kerri Herrold '01** were married December 15, 2001.

They reside in Neptune City, New Jersey.



Andrew Mellish '01 and **Sarah Kanzeg '01** were married September 29, 2001. They have made their home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Matthew '01 and **Jill Hand Nihiser '01** serve at Calvary Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio, where Matthew is pastor.

In Memory Of

Wilda Bickett '28 went home to be with the Lord on November 6, 2001 in Xenia, Ohio. She had taught school in Jamestown and Rushsylvania and had been employed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

James Rowe '49 went home to be with the Lord on May 19, 2001 after a long battle with a Parkinson's-related disease. Our sincere condolences to his family.

Francis Burrell '82 went home to be with the Lord on January 7, 2002 in Fairborn, Ohio. Francis was a lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force, having retired from active duty in 1974 after 32 years and 10 months of service. He had flown 34 different aircraft and accumulated 11,000 hours of flying. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Phyllis, and many other family members.

Amy Buehner McKelvey '94 went home to be with the Lord on January 19, 2002. Amy and her husband, Michael, had been married for only a year and were expecting their first child when the Lord called her home. She is fondly remembered as a loving teacher and friend. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband, parents, brother **Noah '96**, sister-in-law **Renee (Cunningham) '97**, and sister **Katie '02**.

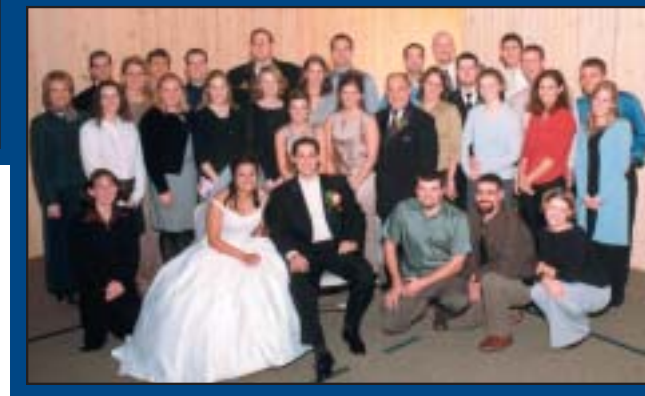
Todd Kress '99 went home to be with the Lord on November 29, 2001 in Colorado. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.



Alumni Staff Member Weds



Andrew Rodriguez '01 and **Rachel Puckett '00** were married October 20, 2001 in Berrien Center, Michigan. Many Cedarville alumni participated in the wedding. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Florida and a cruise to the Bahamas. Both Rachel and Andrew serve at Cedarville University, Rachel as the communications coordinator in the alumni relations office and Andrew as the assistant director of admissions for recruitment. This summer, they will pursue their goal of career missions by attending the annual candidate training seminar of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE).



Alumni Events

January 17 – Houston, Texas

Harold (P.G.) and Margaret Green hosted a dinner at an area Macaroni Grill restaurant. The evening included alumni stories and parents asking questions about fields of study.



January 25 – Buffalo, New York

Twenty-four alumni and friends joined Faith Linn '83 at Daemen College for a deli buffet prior to attending the men's varsity basketball game. The group enjoyed interacting with Don Callan, dean of the School of Health and Human Performance at Cedarville, and Ray Slagle, head men's basketball coach at the 'Ville. The group witnessed a Cedarville victory as the Jackets handed Daemen their first American Midwest Conference home loss of the season.



January 26 – Rochester, New York

The Olive Garden in Rochester was the place to be as a group of 26 alumni and friends met with Faith Linn '83 for lunch prior to attending the men's basketball game against Roberts Wesleyan. Unfortunately, Roberts Wesleyan broke a tied game midway through the second half en route to a victory over Cedarville.

January 27-28 – Nashville, Tennessee

In addition to several meetings with individuals, Jeff Brock '84 and Lew Gibbs enjoyed dinner with more than 40 alumni and friends in the Nashville area. Of special interest was the time of networking that so many alumni enjoyed. A number of Cedarville University alumni have made an exciting impact in the music industry.

January 31 – Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

The largest margin of victory for the Yellow Jackets men's basketball team this year was enjoyed by a group of 15 alumni and their families. This group from western Pennsylvania gathered at Geneva College for dinner and an exciting night of basketball.



February 9 – Columbus, Ohio

Brian Burns '95, Andrew Rodriguez '01, and Rachel Puckett Rodriguez '00 welcomed Columbus area alumni and parents for a late lunch at P.F. Chang's Restaurant at the Easton Town Center. After lunch, all were invited to watch the Yellow Jackets take on the Ohio Dominican Panthers.



February 12-13 – Central Florida

While in Florida, Faith Linn '83 had the opportunity to dine at the Macaroni Grill restaurants in Kissimmee and Altamonte Springs with 16 alumni and friends on two consecutive evenings. On February 13, the group enjoyed discovering Cedarville experiences that they had in common. While not everyone had painted the rock, had Mr. Spencer in class, or been summoned to a dean's office, it was discovered that all alumni present had indeed enjoyed Dr. Allen Monroe for class.

February 19 – Chattanooga, Tennessee

The Macaroni Grill was the happening place for 15 alumni to gather. Lew Gibbs and Jeff Brock hosted the evening of food and fellowship. The oldest alum attending, Horace Ward '60 shared, "I waited 40 years for Cedarville to buy me dinner!"

Spring Calendar of Events

March 18-22

Spring Break

March 23

Word of Life
Marathon

March 25-29

Spring Missionary
Conference:
Dr. Paul Nyquist

April 6

Ohio Talents
for Christ

April 6

Culture Fest

April 12-13

Midwest Christians in
Theatre Arts (CITA)
Regional Theatre
Conference

April 16

University Jazz
Singers Concert

April 23

Choral Classics
Concert

April 25-27

Home School Debate
Tournament

April 25-27

Spring Play:
Inherit the Wind

April 27

ACSI Art Festival
ACSI Music Festival

April 30

Lyrica Series Concert

May 2-4

Spring Play:
Inherit the Wind

May 3-4

Parents Weekend

May 4

Avalon Concert

May 10-11

CedarMania

May 17

Junior/Senior
Banquet

May 24

Orchestra Concert

May 27

Memorial Day
Concert

May 29-31

Final Exams

June 1

106th
Commencement

June 10

Summer Studies
Begins

How Many Pizzas Does it Take ...

Ever notice the advertisement in the *Inspire* stating, "For the Cost of A Medium Pizza and A Liter of Soda you can become a member of the Torch Club?"

Ring any bells?

Last October, did you receive a mailer asking how you were planning to celebrate National Pizza Month? Do you think we like pizza or what? It is a part of Americana. And it is a part of the Cedarville culture. How much pizza do you think you might have consumed while at Cedarville? Ordering in or going out for pizza was part of getting together and living the college life. Anyhow, we figured there was no better language for framing the Cedarville Annual Fund than pizza language.

What is the challenge?

The Annual Fund bridges the gap between what our students pay and what it truly costs Cedarville to provide their education. For this year, the gap stands at \$1.5 million or \$530 for each of our 2,943 students. Sticking with the pizza theme, we can say the average cost of a pizza is approximately \$10. If that is the case, the gap equals the price of purchasing 155,000 pizzas!

In past years, our alumni have covered about 20,000 pizzas' worth of the gap.

So how are we doing?

As of March 5, 2002, the gracious giving of friends and alumni has paid for the equivalent of 62,506 pizzas. If 62,506 pizzas have been covered, that means we need to pay for 92,494 more by June 30, 2002. We've completed part of our goal, but we still have a distance to go before the need is met.

How can I help?

There are several options we have available:

1. Become involved in one of our giving clubs.

Torch Club	\$100+ per year
Charter Society	\$500+ per year
President's Associates	\$1,000+ per year
Chairman's Council	\$5,000+ per year

2. Give a gift online or mail one directly to us.
3. Take advantage of matching gifts. You can contact your human resources department or visit our Web site to see if your employer matches gifts. Last year, Cedarville received more than \$100,000 in matching gifts.

For more information, please call 1-800-766-1115 or visit www.cedarville.edu and click on "Financial Partners."

Annual Fund Office

Contact Jeff Brock '84
brockj@cedarville.edu



Visit Cedarville this Summer and Enjoy a Day at Kings Island

More than 1,000 students and leaders from churches across the Midwest will be on campus for four exciting Summer Preview weekends this summer: June 20-22, July 4-6, July 11-13, and August 1-3.

For just \$45 per person, your church youth group will enjoy fun and games on campus, a praise and challenge time, pizza party, breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings, two nights in the residence halls, AND a full day at Kings Island. Additional information can be found at www.cedarville.edu/summerpreviews.

And don't forget these exciting spring events:

Junior Jam – April 20

www.cedarville.edu/juniorjam

This one-day event for 3rd-6th grade students is filled with interactive fun, games, and spiritual challenge. Through this year's theme of "Faith Factor: Take it to the Extreme," students will learn the importance of truth and faith in conquering fear.

CedarMania – May 10-11

www.cedarville.edu/cedarmania

The theme for this year's all-night event for junior high students is "Virtual Reality: Are You Living an Illusion?" Dr. Scott Dixon '84 is the featured speaker. The night includes music, drama, games, and activities.

External Relations

1-877-CEDARVILLE
events@cedarville.edu

Giving Can Increase Your Retirement Income

Cedarville University's Flexible Deferred Gift Annuity (FDGA) presents an exciting way for alumni to help their alma mater and create secure retirement income.

A FDGA is simply a contract that you make with the University. In exchange for your gift today, Cedarville will pay you fixed income in the future. You choose when the income begins, and it lasts throughout your lifetime. In addition, the payments are backed by all of the University's assets. Therefore, the FDGA supplies income you can count on.

This gift plan works especially well if you are between the ages of 25 and 55. Your fixed payout rate is affected by the income deferral period you choose (the period of time between your gift date and your income start date). As shown below, the longer you defer income, the higher your payout rate will be . . .

Age when you make the gift	Age when you start the income	Rate of your fixed annual income
55	65	11.5%
45	70	28.2%
30	60	32.4%

The FDGA also provides income tax relief. Although your income from Cedarville begins later, you receive an immediate income tax deduction, typically 45 to 65 percent of the amount of your gift.

Please contact Dave Bartlett or Kim Longo for more information.

Office of Gift Planning

1-800-766-1115
www.cedarville.edu/dept/plg

Alums Calling

"911"

The economy-related events and downsizing of many organizations since the 9-11 terrorist attack have caused many of our alumni to call and ask for help with contacts, resumes, and general advice on career opportunities. If you are experiencing an employment emergency, we are here to help. Make us your "911" call.

Simply call us or e-mail or fax a rough draft of your resume to get connected. The career services staff is waiting to assist you. Direct inquiries to Noella Fisher Kleis '99, Alison Reemtsma '02, Jeff Reep '79, or Lew Gibbs.

Office of Career Services

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Announcing!

SUMMER STUDIES

at Cedarville University

from June 10
through June 29, 2002

What classes can I take?

Your choices include:

- Christian Life and Thought
- Earth Science
- Introduction to Computers
- Introduction to Theatre
- Racquetball
- Western Literature

Who can attend?

Christian juniors in high school!

2003 graduates with a 3.0 (B) grade point average or higher are eligible.

Why Summer Studies?

If you are like many high school students, you are already looking ahead to college.

Taking college courses, living on campus, and being on your own will help you prepare for your transition to college. In just three weeks, you will complete college courses and earn up to four credits toward your college degree!

What else will I do during Summer Studies?

Summer Studies alumni cite the close friendships made through the program as one of its greatest benefits.

You'll build these bonds through all kinds of activities like field trips, picnics, a day at Kings Island amusement park, prayer meetings, and just hanging out!

How do I apply?

Call 1-800-CEDARVILLE.

We will send you an application. But hurry! We need your completed application by May 15. Class size is limited. You may apply online and get more information at www.cedarville.edu/admissions.

Children of alumni may be eligible to receive three credit hours of tuition *FREE*. * That's a savings of more than \$1,100!

* (based on acceptance date)